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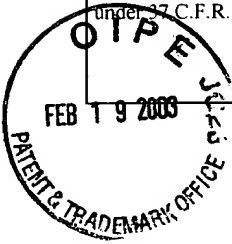
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 17, 2002 (Paper No. 10) for which a response was due on January 17, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time thereby extending the deadline for response from January 17, 2003 to February 19, 2003 (since the USPTO was closed on February 17-18, 2003). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement along with a Form PTO-1449 and the appropriate fee.

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